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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the European Union has recommended the formulation of `National Energy Policy`;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations in this regard; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : European Union (EU) has not made any recommendation to India for formulation of a National Energy Policy.

However, as a part of the India-EU joint Initiative for enhancing Tradeand investment (a programme of action initiated by the 1st India-EU Summit in Lisbon,2000), the third India-EU Business Summit held in Copenhagen on 8-9 October, 2002 onthe margin of the India-EU Summit adopted a set of recommendations following a jointstudy of the power sector conducted by the Indian and EU industry. The joint study was conducted by CII and Power Finance Corporation on the Indian side and Asia-InvestProgramme of the European Commission on the EU side to identify and removeconstraints in the promotion of bilateral trade and investment in the power sector between India and EU.Adoption of a National Energy Policy by India to recognize power as abasic consumer right is one of the recommendations made in the report. Specific elements recommended for inclusion in the Energy Policy, inter alia, include strengthening the regulatory system, distribution reforms, restoring financial health of SEBs, tariff reforms, rationalization of duties/taxes and levies on power generation projects, strengthening the power trading system, introducing mechanisms for third party sales, energy conservation, and measures for building private sector confidence and investment interest.